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PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., May 19, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended May 17, 1902. Also the report of the deaths in this city during the month of April, 1902. On the 17th, the French steamship *St Domingue* arrived from Port au Prince, Jeremie, Les Cayes, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, and Mayaguez. She was held in quarantine, but allowed to land passengers after disinfection of their baggage. Twenty-two pieces and 1 sack of mail were disinfected. The vessel sailed on the same day for St. Thomas. The board of health reports 2 new cases of smallpox and 13 recoveries during the past week. Besides the above vessel held in quarantine, there were 3 vessels inspected and passed, and 4 bills of health issued.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Mortality statistics—Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, plays, and surrounding country) during the month of April, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., May 15, 1902.

Diseases of—			
Digestive system	24	Cancer	1
Respiratory system.....	12	Puerperal fever.....	2
Circulatory system	3	Electric shock.....	1
Nervous system.....	6	Suicidal	1
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition.....	8		
Malaria	9	Total.....	96
Tuberculosis.....	8		

Number of deaths reported during April, 1902 (a).....	75
Number of deaths reported during April, 1901 (a).....	145
Number of births reported during April, 1902 (a)	100
Number of births reported during April, 1901 (a)	69

^a These figures are for the city proper, the plays, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended May 17, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., May 19, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended May 17, 1902. May 17, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Port au Prince, Jeremie, Les Cayes, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, and Mayaguez, P. R., with 5 immigrants.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan for the week ended May 17, 1902.

SAN JUAN, P. R., May 21, 1902.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving during the week ended May 17, 1902, at the subports of Porto Rico.

May 16, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Haitian and Dominican ports, with 7 immigrants. Other subports, no transactions.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SPAIN.

Smallpox in Cartagena decreasing.

CARTAGENA, SPAIN, *May 9, 1902.*

SIR: Referring to my dispatch, No. 17, of the 15th ultimo, announcing an outbreak of smallpox in this city, I have the honor to inform you that very few new cases are reported now, and that the disease will probably disappear shortly.

It has not been of a malignant character and the death rate has been very slightly effected by it.

In the absence of statistics I estimate that probably 10,000 persons have been vaccinated in this city during the last six weeks, and the vaccinations now practiced daily are largely in excess of the birth rate.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH BOWRON,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

DUTCH GUIANA—*Paramaribo*.—Month of April, 1902. Estimated population, 31,626. Total number of deaths, 95, including 1 from yellow fever.

GERMANY—*Weimar*.—Month of April, 1902. Estimated population, 29,116. Total number of deaths, 42. No contagious diseases reported.

JAMAICA—*Port Antonio*.—Two weeks ended May 17, 1902. Estimated population, not reported. Total number of deaths, 5. No contagious diseases.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended May 10, 1902, correspond to an annual rate of 17.2 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 14,862,909.

London.—One thousand four hundred and fifty-six deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 45; scarlet fever, 13; diphtheria, 30; whooping cough, 45; enteric fever, 5; smallpox, 44, and diarrhea and dysentery, 18. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 16.6 per 1,000. In Greater London 1,987 deaths were registered. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 4 from diphtheria, 3 from measles, 2 from scarlet fever, 17 from smallpox, and 8 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended May 10, 1902, in the 21 principal